

The Week Ahead

House Republicans to Hold Six Border Security Hearings in Four States

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House Republicans will continue to hold field hearings this week to examine the issue of border security, the inherent weaknesses of the Reid-Kennedy bill, and the impact that illegal immigration has on a wide range of issues. This week, six House committees will be holding hearings in four different states. The schedule for the week is below:

EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

Gainesville, GA on Monday, August 14th – What is the impact on American workers and businesses of the Reid-Kennedy bill's provisions mandating Davis-Bacon wage rates for guest-workers?

GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE

San Diego, CA on Monday, August 14th – What is the impact on state and local governments, in terms of both societal costs such as policing and direct government costs such as healthcare and welfare benefits, of illegal immigration? Would the Reid-Kennedy bill impose huge unfunded mandates on state and local governments?

ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Dalton, GA on Tuesday, August 15th – What is the impact of the Reid-Kennedy bill's amnesty provisions on the healthcare delivery system and for individual American taxpayers?

HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Houston, TX on Wednesday, August 16th – What are the criminal consequences of illegal immigration along the Southern Border?

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Sierra Vista, AZ on Thursday, August 17th – What is the state of technical surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities for monitoring the efforts of terrorists and drug cartels to infiltrate American soil through the Southern Border?

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

El Paso, TX on Thursday, August 17th – What is the financial impact of illegal immigration on communities along the U.S. border, and could these costs rise under the Reid-Kennedy bill? What is the impact on efforts to extend a border security fence under the Reid-Kennedy bill's requirement regarding consultation with the Mexican Government? Will efforts to limit illegal immigration be inhibited by the Reid-Kennedy bill's provisions relating to local law enforcement?

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